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On the other hand, there is a widespread movement among the teachers to leave their profession, whereas others still cling to old bourgeois teaching methods and conduct classes on a formal, bookish basis. Pedagogical work is almost unknown, and instances of corporal punishment are still frequent.

The main reason for these failures is inadequate implementation of the directives of the Bulgarian Communist Party on educational matters. The Ministry of Education has also given poor leadership to teachers and educational organizations, neglected to implement Soviet pedagogical methods, and failed to set up correct and coordinated plans. On the other hand, educational matters receive little attention from political organizations, and the Dimitrov Youth Association is inclined to overburden the students with political and campaign duties. Teachers are not properly pursuing their ideological and political training.

The forthcoming national conference on education, called on the initiative of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party, is expected to bring about far-reaching changes in all phases of public education. --
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